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SUBJ: IEA - MARCH 6-7 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON

ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT

REF: STATE 46682

BEGIN SUMMARY: DANES ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT

U.S. VIEWS ON IEA COOPERATION IN ACCELERATED

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SUPPLIES INCLUDE ONLY

FIRST THREE OF FIVE POINTS RECOMMENDED BY SLT TO GOVERNING BOARD. DENMARK WOULD NOT, RPT NOT, FIND THIS MODIFICATION ACCEPTABLE AND FEELS SEVERAL OTHER MEMBER STATES WOULD SHARE THIS VIEW. ACTION REQUESTED: FURTHER BACKGROUND TO REASONS WHY POINTS 4 AND 5 OF SLT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT INCORPORATED IN PRESENT U.S. VIEWS. THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF RECEIVED MARCH 4. END SUMMARY.

1. ECON COUNSELOR PASSED U.S. VIEWS (REFTEL) TO FONOFF OFFICE DIRECTOR RIBERHOLDT MARCH 3, PROVIDING INFORMAL PAPER SUMMARIZING U.S. POSITION. RIBERHOLDT EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT THAT POINTS 4 AND 5 IN THE SLT REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD (SLT 75 (23)) WERE NOT INCORPORATED IN THE U.S. VIEWS AND WONDERED WHETHER THIS OMISSION IS TACTICAL OR BASED ON MORE BASIC CONSIDERATIONS, IN ANY EVENT, RIBERHOLDT SAID, DENMARK'S POSITION, DECIDED LAST WEEK, IS IN LINE WITH SLT RECOMMENDATIONS. HE SAID FLATLY THAT DENMARK WOULD NOT ACCEPT AN IEA "COORDINATED POSITION" WITHOUT ALL FIVE ELEMENTS OF SLT RECOMMENDATIONS GIVEN EQUAL WEIGHT. HE SAID THAT WITHOUT AGREEMENT ON ACCESS, PRICES AND PRODUCTION TARGETS (POINT 4) AND ON A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW PROCEDURE (POINT 5), THERE COULD BE NO AGREEMENT ON FLOOR PRICE. HE WAS CERTAIN THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES AGREED WITH THIS VIEW AND THAT THE U.S. WOULD FIND NEGOTIATIONS "VERY ROUGH" AT THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IF IT DID NOT ACCEPT THE FULL PACKAGE. (IN THIS REGARD, RIBERHOLDT REFERRED ALSO TO AN INFORMAL MEETING CHAIRED BY DAVIGNON ON FEB. 22 AT WHICH THE SLT RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ALLEGEDLY RECONFIRMED.)

2. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, RIBERHOLDT CITED SEVERAL PARTICULAR DANISH CONCERNS WHICH HE FELT THE U.S. VIEWS DID NOT SATISFACTORILY COVER:
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A. REGARDING COOPERATION TO STIMULATE INVESTMENT ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS, DENMARK CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THERE MUST BE AN AGREED OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR INVESTMENT DECISIONS UPON WHICH "SPECIFIC MEASURES OF ASSISTANCE" MUST BE BASED. (HE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE IEA ON THIS

POINT AND THAT THE U.S. VIEW MAY BE AN ATTEMPT
TO COMPROMISE.)

B. REGARDING SYSTEMATIC REVIEW PROCEDURES
(POINT 5 OF SLT RECOMMENDATIONS BUT NOT INCOR-
PORATED IN U.S. VIEWS), RIBERHOLDT SAID THAT
DANES WILL INSIST NOT ONLY THAT THESE PROCEDURES
BECOME PART OF THE COOPERATIVE PACKAGE BUT THAT
THEY BE APPLIED TO ALL COMMITMENTS PROPOSED IN
POINT 4 OF SLT RECOMMENDATIONS, NOT JUST NATIONAL
PROGRAMS FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: FURTHER BACKGROUND OR
CLARIFICATION REGARDING POINTS RASISED PARA 1
ABOVE. TO BE MOST USEFUL, INFORMATION SHOULD
ARRIVE BEFORE RIBERHOLDT'S DEPARTURE FOR BRUSSELS
AND PARIS MID-AFTERNOOD OF TUESDAY, MARCH 4.
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